

Healthy Families and Healthy Communities

GOVERNOR'S PRIORITIES

Increase Basic Health Plan enrollment and health coverage for children

Use tobacco settlement funds to promote tobacco cessation

Continue welfare reform efforts

Allow the elderly to reside at home, safely and independently

Maintain independence for persons with disabilities

Stable housing assistance for homeless families with children

TOTAL: \$176.2 million, including \$23.1 million GF-S, \$19.8 million HSA, \$100 million Tobacco Control and Prevention Account, \$33.7 million GF-F, \$10 million Capital

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Basic Health Plan

- ▶ Additional funds available from the tobacco settlement enable enrollments in the Basic Health Plan to increase to 133,000 in the 1999-01 Biennium, while retaining the current benefits package and rolling back enrollee costs to 1997 subsidy levels. **\$15.8 million HSA**

Children's Health Insurance Program

- ▶ Establishes the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), providing subsidized health coverage for about 10,000 children up to age 18 who live in households with income between 200 percent and 250 percent of the federal poverty level. **\$4 million HSA, \$7.7 million GF-F**

Respecting Our Elders' Choices

- ▶ Older citizens often need long-term care, but most prefer to remain at home. Funding for increased case management for those receiving in-home care ensures safer and higher quality services. Also increases home care worker wages. **\$14.9 million GF-S, \$15.3 million GF-F**

Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Endowment

- ▶ Establishes an endowment fund with tobacco settlement funds to support public health efforts in smoking cessation prevention and enforcement. **\$100 million**

Welfare Reform

- ▶ WorkFirst has enabled more than 60,000 participants to find jobs since August 1997. Caseloads have dropped by 28.4 percent since that time. A survey of people leaving welfare found wages average \$8.42/ hour.

Homeless Families with Children

- ▶ Provides one-time cash assistance to WorkFirst families for stable housing. A long-term homeless prevention measure increases emergency shelter beds and transitional housing opportunities. **\$10 million Capital, \$10 million Federal, \$7.6 million GF-S**

Independence for Disabled

- ▶ Self-Directed Care Initiative allows persons with disabilities to live independently and to direct care giver activities. Reduces the need for institutional care, saving the taxpayers **\$0.6 million GF-S, \$0.7 million GF-F**